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## **Ruth The Ancestress Of Christ:**

*The Female Ancestors of Christ* Ann Belford Ulanov, 2020 The spiritual power of the Feminine shines forth in this psychological study of four Old Testament heroines from Jesus family tree Tamar Rahab Ruth and Bathsheba are the only women mentioned by name in the Gospels genealogies and for Ann Belford Ulanov this indicates that they impart something essential to the lineage of Christ By exploring their brave and unconventional lives she demonstrates how salvation enters the world in the feminine mode of being human through these women s embodiment of such powerful and deeply feminine qualities as ingenuity audacity determination compassion seduction and devotion Like bolts of lightning the stories of these outcast virgins illuminate what spiritual wholeness can be in the lives of contemporary women and men Ann Ulanov s riveting insights into their daring acts reveal their deep significance in the genealogy of Jesus and expand our understanding of the words courage and love Marion Woodman author of *Addiction to Perfection* and *Leaving my Father s House*

**CULTIVATING THE CHRIST ~ A DEEP LOOK INTO THE ANCESTORS OF JESUS: FROM THE SEED TO THE TREE** ~ Dr. Jana Jones McDowell, Jeff McDowell, 2019-09-01 **CULTIVATING THE CHRIST** Ancestors of Jesus Ancestors of Jesus Introduction to the book *Cultivating the Christ* Downloadable Here There are many names in this book as we trace the lineage of Jesus Christ from the beginnings of Adam and Eve all the way to his earthly mother Mary The only name that is important to remember however is the one we center our life around that being Jesus Jesus Christ our Savior is the only name that matters The Great I Am With that being said we will focus on Genesis 3 and how God s prophecy of the seed of the woman will produce a son who will deliver a death blow to the Devil He will be the salvation of all humanity Realizing that God could have crushed the Devil with one Divine command it is a mystery to consider why he chose to involve us flawed humans as participating characters in his Master plan It s as if God wanted us his Creation to act out the solutions to the problems our sins created learning along the way God being the Creator of the Masterpiece play orchestrated the acts and scenes to draw us closer to Him through identifying with the leading men and women of the timeline of humanity An underlying theme of this study is how God uses the most unlikely and even the most unworthy people to accomplish His goals We will see how the people God chooses to be in the lineage of the promised Messiah our savior Jesus Christ are unexpected and often misunderstood Yet when you examine God s Word and attempt to piece together how and why these individuals were chosen the misunderstood will become understood We will see how Jesus Christ s human lineage is composed of men and women who are all sinners and are broken individuals Yet they are all heroes They are heroes because they had faith in God As we read through this study and delve into the Bible we will start to understand why God chose each one of them to be in Jesus family tree We will study the people who God has chosen to be in the human lineage of Jesus In doing so unique characteristics of these individuals will be uncovered as well as common themes among them Interestingly as we read God s Holy Word we will also see God insert himself into the Masterpiece story to save the day and redeem flawed humanity

Sometimes the Lord will make cameo appearances other times He may be disguised and serve as a messenger Other times He might be working quietly behind the scenes A question we may have is why did it take God so long to send the Messiah Jesus Christ to save humanity Over three thousand plus years elapsed between the original sin committed by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and the birth of Jesus Realizing God can do anything in a blink of his Divine eye we have to wonder what took Him so long One only has to realize that we live in His God space where the time it takes between His promises and His fulfillment of His promises fits within His time frame not ours That s why God is such a mystery This book explores the people God has chosen to be in Jesus lineage who living in this God space endured the trials of everyday life and emerged victorious due to their faith and trust in the Lord This study exemplifies how God uses the most ordinary unexpected people who are misfits and outcasts as deemed by society to ultimately be part of His Master Plan to save His creation humanity How undeserving we all may be but isn t wonderful to be loved by a God who has such amazing grace and mercy Also we will discover through studying God s Word that as is demonstrated in the Bible book after book the Old Testament continuously has important road signs leading to and pointing directly to Jesus As we read through and study the stories of Jesus ancestors in the Old Testament we will examine the meanings behind them and look at supporting scripture which are like enormous flashing road signs leading us directly on the path to Christ Cultivating the Roots of Christ We know that Jesus is the Christ and is the Son of God but what about Jesus human lineage Jesus was born to a virgin human woman Mary and we are told in scripture and therefore believe that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh John 1 1 14 18 Why did God choose to reveal himself to us as a human In the Old Testament He spoke through messengers such as angels or prophets He also appeared in abstract forms such as clouds of smoke or fire Why did He choose to finally become flesh and walk the earth as a man It seems that He became human in order to be able to better communicate with us He not only masterfully communicated with humanity through His Word but needed to reach us through being physically present God needed to use our language and our culture of the day to solidify our understanding of what He the Almighty was trying to communicate Therefore it is important when reading the Bible that we have insight into the culture of the times so that we can better understand what God is trying to tell us In other words context is extremely important We need to understand the culture of the day so we can put things into context Only then can we thoroughly comprehend His meaning Throughout this book I have tried to include information that will help put the beautiful stories of God s word into context so that we can better understand what He is trying to convey to us Jesus ancestors Who were these people Two disparate Genealogies of Jesus Jews kept extensive very complete genealogies in order to establish and record peoples heritage This important documentation was known to be kept in the Archives building in Jerusalem and also was well documented in the Hebrew Bible for important figures of the faith A person s inheritance legitimacy and rights and even legal rights to the throne depended on a person s heritage The Jewish culture being very legalistic kept detailed accounts of people s ancestors Ancient genealogies were therefore very important

documentation and were held safely in the Archives building in Jerusalem along with public registers and bonds taken by money lenders. The bonds were proof which allowed the recovery of debts. The genealogies validated many things such as royalty and social status and inheritance rights to property. With that being said, there are actually two genealogies for Jesus found in the New Testament. They are written in the Gospels of Luke 3:23-38 and of Matthew 1:1-17. Interestingly, the names are the same in both accounts through King David and Bathsheba but differ somewhat after these two individuals. Both genealogies for Jesus written in the New Testament are the same through King David and his wife Bathsheba. How are they different? The two genealogies written in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew differ in several ways. Luke wrote a descending list starting with Jesus and going all the way back to the first man, Adam. Matthew, on the other hand, wrote an ascending list starting with Abraham and ending with Jesus. Comparison of the names in the genealogies of the lists from Luke and Matthew reveals that the two diverge after King David. The names from Abraham to David are the same in both lists. After David, the names in the lists are different except they converge on two names, Zerubbabel and Shealtiel, which are listed in both Luke and Matthew. Zerubbabel led the first group of Israelites given permission to return to Israel from the Babylonian exile. Matthew's lineage contains Jechoniah, whose line was cursed (Jeremiah 22:30; 2 Kings 24:8-9). The hallmark in the difference between the two genealogies is: In Luke's account, David and Bathsheba's son, Nathan, continues the lineage to Jesus. In Matthew's list, Solomon, who is also the son of David and Bathsheba, is noted to have been the ancestor of Jesus. Biblical scholars have tried to surmise why the names in the lists are not identical after David, and various reasons have been given. Some include: Matthew and Luke were writing to different audiences. Matthew wrote to a Jewish audience, tracing Jesus' lineage to Abraham to emphasize his Jewish heritage. He emphasized the importance of Jesus' ancestry being intertwined with the Covenants God made with Israel. To prove Jesus was a true Israelite and the rightful King of Israel. Referred to Jesus as the son of David and the son of Abraham. As the son of David, Jesus was a Messiah with a royal lineage. Jesus is the rightful legal heir to the covenant promises associated with the Davidic throne. God's covenant with Abraham established Israel as a chosen people and also affirmed that the whole world would be blessed through his line (Genesis 12:1-3; 22:18). Jesus is the rightful legal heir to the covenant promises related to the Abrahamic seed and land. Matthew took a legalistic view. To prove to the Jews that Jesus was the promised Messiah, Luke traced Jesus' descent from a biological view to Adam. He emphasized that Jesus is the fulfillment of the hopes of all people (Acts 17:26). The Good News of the Gospels was meant for Gentiles and Jews. Luke wrote to a Gentile audience. He emphasized that Jesus is the Savior of the whole world, not just Israel. There are many reasons that have been given as to why ancient genealogies differ, but perhaps another logical reason can be drawn by reading the comments of Rabbis in the Midrash concerning documentation of the lineage of King David in 1 Chronicles. The Rabbis noted that often there were instances of people being called by two different names. These names were often copied from different historical documents. Some names might be missing from one document yet found in

another o Therefore the ancient chronicler used multiple documents which varied slightly to complement each other to compile a complete list of ancestors o This could lead to some names being different when the complete list was generated o Many of the names could have been lost during the Babylonian exile o Often times a father may actually be a grandfather o Generations may have been skipped leading to confusion among the names Another reason the genealogies may not be identical is that often the writer does not list all of the individuals in the family only key names An author may select different names that they may have considered to be important An older reason used by biblical scholars for why the two genealogies differ is that Matthew traced Joseph s ancestry while Luke traced Mary s ancestry This theory does not hold up well as Matthew lists Mary in his account while Luke does not The most commonly accepted theory among biblical scholars for accepting why the names in the two genealogies differ from David to Jesus is that Matthew traces the line of royal succession o From King David through King Solomon Luke traces the lineage through actual physical descent o From King David through Nathan o Nathan was a little known son of David and Bathsheba who never assumed kingship o Luke emphasizes the virgin birth Luke 1 34 35 3 23 Other reasons cited for differences later in the accounts of Matthew and Luke are the possibilities of Levirate marriage or adoption Both would be done to secure heirs for a father or a widowed wife who did not have sons to assume the role as heir and head of the family line Important to consider for the names post King David being different is that the Kingdom of Israel came to an end in 722 BC when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom Israel The ten tribes of Israel were exiled to provinces of the Assyrian empire and records and recognition of the tribes disappeared Likewise the Kingdom of Judah The Southern Kingdom came to an end in 586 BC when King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia conquered Jerusalem destroyed the first Holy Temple and took the Israelites into captivity 2 Kings 25 This was the end of the dynasty of kings of the family of David and many records of heritage including the tribes of Israel were destroyed As time passed only a small number of families knew which tribe their forefathers were from Whatever the reason for the disparity the important thing to remember is that both genealogies presented by Luke and Matthew agree that Jesus is the son of David Luke 3 31 Matt 1 6 Revelation 22 16 and both arrive at the same name our Savior Jesus Christ As Jesus said of himself as the Divine author of Revelation through his angel and through John to His churches Revelation 22 16 I Jesus have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches I am the root and the descendant of David the bright morning star Jesus is both David s son and his Lord and the ruler arising from Israel to conquer the nations Numbers 24 17 Isa 11 1 5 10 Mark 12 35 37 The Listing of Women in Jewish genealogies Ancient Hebrew genealogies are patriarchal in content as hierarchal and tribal identity is passed on from the father For this reason Jewish genealogies rarely include women Matthew s account of the genealogy of Jesus is unique as he included many of the women God chose to be in Jesus family tree This is appropriate as we know that Jesus is the Son of God conceived from the seed of a woman Genesis 3 15 KJV I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed he shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel

Fitting with God's prophecy in Genesis 3:15 and the New Testament accounts in the gospels we know that Jesus came to earth as God in the flesh. Matthew lists five women in the ancestry of Jesus. Luke however does not include women in his genealogy of Jesus. Of the five women listed in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus only Mary comes in the lineage after David. The other three are documented ancestors of David and the fourth is David's wife Bathsheba. The naming of women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus is unusual but even more unusual is that many of the women listed in Matthew's account are foreigners or have questionable past histories. Or both. The five women listed in Matthew 1 that are in the direct line to Jesus Christ have one significant thing in common. That being that they are all unlikely people to be in the Holy family tree. These five women have come from various backgrounds ranging from being Gentiles from pagan cultures, were broken and sinful, or were from very poor, humble beginnings. For instance, in Matthew's genealogy we see five very unlikely women in the line of Judah leading to Jesus, including Ruth who was a Moabite from Moab, who the people of Israel did not care for, to say the least. Tamar who had a deceptive affair and was originally from Canaan. Rahab who was a prostitute and a Canaanite living in Jericho. Bathsheba who was a seduced woman. Mary who was a humble peasant teenager. These women, due to their heritage and/or unlikely character, vividly illustrate that imperfect, unexpected people show up in the genealogy of Jesus. These imperfect people serve as the explanation point in God's masterful Word, as all of these women fit beautifully into God's Master Plan of demonstrating how His Love is inclusive of all humanity. A reminder of how God uses the most unexpected people to show His Glory was written by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:28-31. Consider your calling, brothers, not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being may boast in the presence of God. And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that as it is written, Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord. Although there are many names listed in Jesus' family tree, my aim in this particular teaching of Jesus' genealogy is not to necessarily give a detailed account of every person listed. This actually is not possible, as Jesus' ancestors after the exile to Babylon exist in name only. For the complete list of these names, I refer you to the Bible, as well as an excellent reference I have cited at the end of this book. In this book, my aim is to focus on key characters who are Jesus' ancestors who have been described in God's Word. With the intent to explore them in detail and gain a deeper understanding of Jesus' ancestors, we can better comprehend God's Word and grow in our faith. I have attempted to conflate the two lineages of Jesus as presented in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke to have a better understanding of both the men and women who are in Jesus' ancestry. We will see their weaknesses and strengths of these members of Jesus' family tree as the Bible so honestly tells us. As we look at the ancestry of Jesus, we will learn about God's relationship with His people and His promise to redeem His creation from our sinful beginnings in the Garden of Eden.

Through the study of Jesus descendants the entire puzzle of the mystery of the Messiah will come together as God's Masterplan unfolds. What do we mean by the Messiah? The Hebrew word for messiah is *mashiach* meaning anointed one. The Hebrew meaning of *Mashiach* is a savior or liberator of a group of people. In Jewish eschatology the *Mashiach* is the future Jewish king descended from the Davidic Line who will be expected to save the Jewish nation and rule during the Messianic Age. In Christianity we believe that the messiah is Christ and the Son of God. The word Christ is taken from the Romanized Greek word *Christos* meaning the anointed one. Christ is the savior of all the world's people, not just the Jewish nation. We will see in the end in order to restore the chaos humanity created through sin, God needed to send Heaven down to us by sending His son Jesus Christ. To restore our relationship with Him, God had to come to earth and become flesh. The most amazing event in all of history occurred where the eternal infinitely Holy Son of God took on human nature and lived among humanity. Although He became human, He was both God and man at the same time in one person. John 1:14. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For a Full EBook Download Click Here. Other Ebooks by Dr. Jana Jones McDowell: *Rahab the Amorite Prostitute Behind the Scenes*, *Ruth and Boaz the Redeemer and the Moabite David and Bathsheba Behind the Scenes*, *The Promise Behind the Scenes with Abraham and Sarah*, *David In the Midst of a Plague*, *Biblical Perspectives of COVID 19*, *Noah and the Ark Behind the Scenes*, *Cultivating the Christ From the Seed to the Tree*. About the Author: Jana Jones McDowell DVM DAVCA DAVECC has spent a lifetime practicing Veterinary Medicine and was former Professor at a College of Veterinary Medicine. A Christian, Dr. Jones began her research into Biblical studies a number of years ago, focusing on context. Her research revolves around the context with the study and application of the Judaica Books of the Prophets and the Hagiographa. A new English translation of the Hebrew Masoretic text and commentaries by Rashi and other Rabbinical scholars and the books of the Midrash Rabbah. The basis of this was the exegesis of the Hebrew Bible with application to the origins of Christianity. Now retired, Dr. Jones spends time researching and applying the depth of her studies into books and as a student of the Israel Bible Center, studying deeper into Jewish context and its application to Christianity. Dr. Jones and her husband reside in the southwest with their horses, a Bengal cat named Ravi, and their border collie Sarah.

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that James Gardner of Butler County Pennsylvania was her great great great grandfather But there the trail grew cold Where was he born and who were his parents Was he part of the William and Sarah Gardner family that moved from Maryland to the wild frontier of Westmoreland County Pennsylvania either before or during the Revolutionary War Most of the descendants of James and Martha Molly McAnallen Gardner married had children and brought many other surnames to the Gardner family tree Among those surnames are Ackerman Brinkley Cameron Cann Carson Dover Duffy Fehrenbach Grossman Harriger Hoge Johnson Mansfield Marmie McAnallen Mershimer Ott Rohrer Shoaf Teal Welsh and Wimer With the help of more research and information from yet unknown cousins this family tree will continue to grow and spread its branches Perhaps we will even learn about the ancestors of James Gardner

*The Next Quest for the Historical Jesus* James Crossley, Chris Keith, 2024-11-05 A diverse group of scholars charts new paths in the quest for the historical Jesus After a decade of stagnation in the study of the historical Jesus James Crossley and Chris Keith have assembled an international team of scholars to envision the quest anew The contributors offer new perspectives and fresh methods for reengaging the question of the historical Jesus Important timely and fascinating The Next Quest for the Historical Jesus is a must read for anyone seeking to understand Jesus of Nazareth Contributors Michael P Barber Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology United States of America Giovanni B Bazzana Harvard Divinity School United States of America Helen K Bond University of Edinburgh United Kingdom James Crossley MF Norwegian School of Theology Religion and Society Norway and Centre for the Critical Study of Apocalyptic and Millenarian Movements United Kingdom Tucker S Ferda Pittsburgh Theological Seminary United States of America Paula Fredriksen Boston University United States of America and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Israel Deane Galbraith University of Otago Aotearoa New Zealand Mark Goodacre Duke University United States of America Meghan R Henning University of Dayton United States of America Nathan C Johnson University of Indianapolis United States of America Wayne Te Kaawa University of Otago Aotearoa New Zealand Chris Keith MF Norwegian School of Theology Religion and Society Norway John S Kloppenborg University of Toronto Canada Amy Jill Levine Hartford International University for Religion and Peace United States of America and Vanderbilt University United States of America Brandon Massey University of Münster Germany Justin J Meggitt University of Cambridge United Kingdom Halvor Moxnes University of Oslo Norway Robert J Myles Wollaston Theological College University of Divinity Australia Wongi Park Belmont University United States of America Janelle Peters Loyola Marymount University United States of America Taylor G Petrey Kalamazoo College United States of America Adele Reinhartz University of Ottawa Canada Rafael Rodriguez Johnson University United States of America Sarah E Rollens Rhodes College United States of America Anders Runesson University of Oslo Norway Nathan Shedd William Jessup University United States of America and Johnson University United States of America Mitzi J Smith Columbia Theological Seminary United States of America and University of South Africa South Africa Joan Taylor King's College London United Kingdom Matthew Thiessen McMaster University

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audiences Koosed presents inviting and compelling new insights into one of the Old Testament's most enigmatic characters

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**The Ambiguous Figure of the Neighbor in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Texts and Reception** Marianne Bjelland Kartzow, 2021-09-12 This book examines an undertheorized topic in the study of religion and sacred texts the figure of the neighbor By analyzing and comparing this figure in Jewish Christian and Islamic texts and receptions the chapters explore a conceptual shift from Children of Abraham to Ambiguous Neighbors Through a variety of case studies using diverse methods and material chapters explore the neighbor in these neighboring texts and traditions The figure of the neighbor seems like an innocent topic at the surface It is an everyday phenomenon that everyone has knowledge about and experiences with Still analytically it has a rich and innovative potential Recent interdisciplinary research employs this figure to address issues of cultural diversity gender migration ethnic relationships war and peace environmental challenges and urbanization The neighbor represents the borderline between insider and outsider friend and enemy us and them This ambiguous status makes the neighbor particularly interesting as an entry point into issues of cultural complexity self definition and identity This volume brings all the intersections of religion ethnicity gender and socio cultural diversity into the same neighborhood paying attention to sacred texts receptions and contemporary communities The Ambiguous Figure of the Neighbor in Jewish Christian and Islamic Texts and Reception offers a fascinating study of the intersections between Jewish Christian and Islamic text and will be of interest to anyone working on these traditions

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